

SENATE BILL 1153

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
Chapter 10, Part 4 and Title 68, relative to
childhood immunizations and infant health.

WHEREAS, Rotavirus gastroenteritis infects almost all children by age five, but severe dehydrating gastroenteritis occurs primarily among children who are three months to thirty-five months of age; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee on Immunization and Practices recommends to the Center for Disease Control, routine vaccination of infants in the United States with three (3) doses of the rotavirus vaccine (Rotateq) administered orally at two (2) months, four (4) months, and six (6) months of age; and

WHEREAS, Rotateq is a live, oral pentavalent vaccine that contains five (5) live reassortant rotaviruses; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-10-401(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Rotavirus gastroenteritis (Rotateq)

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.